



North Sidney Messenger

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This is Newsletter No. 32. North Sidney Messenger is sent to you once a year to bring you news since last Memorial Day to present time. If you are a first-time reader of the letter, we say “**WELCOME**”. Thank you to long-time readers for your continued support and interest.

North Sidney Church and Cemetery Historical Association is registered with the State of Michigan as a non-profit organization. Our purpose is to take care of the church and cemetery and to preserve it for future generations. Membership can be either by paying dues yearly of \$2.00 per year after the first fee of \$10.00 is paid or life membership of \$50 per person and is a one-time fee which is much easier. Dues are used for newsletter, postage and other general up-keep expenses. Memorial money is used for special projects. Other gifts or donations help with larger projects. The Perpetual Care Fund helps pay for the cemetery up-keep.

Please check out the North Sidney Church and Cemetery Historical Association website www.northsidney.com. There are links to other sites as well as information on how to purchase books and become a member. The newsletter will also be posted so if you have an email address and would like the information from the website instead of mailing the letter please let us know. If you have ideas on how to improve it or information that could be added, just send Krista a note. Also, if you have any news or information that you would like to share for next year’s newsletter just send us a note or email.

This year the “**Focus on Families**” is the Clock family. Elbert Clock was born August 24, 1921, the son of Ferry and Alma Clock. Elbert Clock was from the Greenville area. On September 26, 1942 Elbert Clock and Vernice Lamb, daughter of Niels and Anna Lamb were married. They lived in Lansing for a short time. While Elbert was in the army during the Second World War, Vernice came back to the Sidney area with a young son, Ronald Neils, born August 8, 1943. Jane Anna was born January 21, 1948 and Mary Ane was born on September 27, 1955. The clock family moved into the Andrew Thompson home just north of farm. Vernice’s grandmother had died in 1944 and the house was vacant and handy to the farm of her parents. After the death of Niels on August 30, 1959, the Clocks moved into the big farmhouse and Anna moved into the small house where her parents had lived. Vernice and Elbert took over the farming and Vernice found that she was able to handle a dairy herd. On a very cold, stormy day the sad news came that Vernice had been killed in an automobile accident on January 16, 1966.

Read more about the Clock family in the North Sidney Area book.

Please plan on attending the Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 31st at 2:00 p.m. Final plans will be made at the Annual Meeting on May 12th. The meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. at the Church. Luke Dudenhofer has again agreed to deliver this year’s message. Luke and his wife Melissa grew up in the Stanton/Sidney area and now live in Chicago. Luke is pastor of the New Life Community Church in the Bridgeport neighborhood and they have two adopted sons, Josiah Wesley, 5 years old and Titus Charles who will be 4 on June 1 and Ethni Aniyah Rose who will be 2 in September.

While you are visiting the Church make sure you check out all the photos in the back of the room. There are many old pictures from families in the area. See how many you recognize.

Danish Cookin’ Corner

Danish Pastry

1 cup scalded milk	3 tablespoons sugar
1 yeast cake	1 teas. salt
½ cup warm water	3 eggs
1 cup shortening	4 cups flour

Dissolve the yeast in warm water. Put shortening, sugar, salt and flour in a large bowl. Mix as for a pie crust. Beat egg yolks, add milk and yeast mixture. Add all to flour and beat well. Cover and place in a cool place overnight. Divide into 3 parts and roll to thin strip. Spread with beaten egg whites and filling of raisins, pineapple filling, apricot filling or any other filling. Fold both sides over and place on cookie sheet and let rise until light. Sprinkle with a mixture of butter, brown sugar and nuts. Bake in moderate oven. Drizzle with thin powder sugar frosting and cut into wedges.

The Danish Sisterhood Lodge in Greenville serves this at the Danish Festival on Saturday, August 21 from 8 to 11 a.m. along with other delicious Danish foods. Come and enjoy!

In the last year we have had several friends and family members leave us, Earl Morris, Ivan Christensen, Richard Jensen, Kurt Christophersen, Willie Thomsen, Gladys Goodell, Sophy & Grady Petersen, Leo Schachtele, Norm Eipper, Karma Petersen, Terryll Noah, Nancy Trygstad and Clare Hart. If I have missed your loved ones I am truly sorry.

We still have copies of the **North Sidney Area 1884-1984** book. There is much information on the Sidney area and families in the area (much of the information I write in this news letter comes from this book). Contact Jennifer Thomsen or pick one up at the Church on Memorial Day. You can also print order forms from the website, www.northsidney.com .

The officers and their addresses are listed on the last page of this letter. Please send dues or donations to Jennifer Thomsen, Treasurer. Due to the increase in the cost of stamps receipts will no longer be sent if you pay dues by check. Donations will be recognized.

If you are interested in holding one of the offices in the North Sidney Association please let us know. The offices are Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and 3 Trustee's. Officers are elected at the spring meeting.

Thank you to Clare, Kent and Wes Thomsen for the fall maintenance, shutting off the water and trimming, and getting the water running in the spring. Without their assistance there wouldn't be water for the plants in the summer. They have also had to put some repairs into the well pump.

History of Sidney – Sidney is an unincorporated community near the center of the township. In 1854, Phineas Swift, a New Yorker, became the first permanent settler. A post office was established on September 19, 1862, with Joshua V. Noah as the first postmaster. The community was named for the township, which in turn was named for Sidney, Ohio, the the home of some of its early settlers. According to the US Census Bureau, the township has a total area of 35.1 square miles of which, 34.1 square miles of it is land and 1.0 square miles of it is water.

Please remember and pray for all of our men and women serving in the military. May they all return soon. Flags are placed on the grave of Veterans each year. A special thanks to Sidney Township for furnishing the flags and John and Lillian Christophersen for placing them on the grave sites.

The week prior to Memorial Day we are looking for volunteers to spend a few hours to keep the church open and greet visitors. We are looking at possible 3 hour shifts from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on May 22, 23, 27, 28 and 29. If you are able to come and take newsletters to visitors and serve cookies and coffee during any of these times please let the officers know so we can open the church. If we don't get volunteers the church may not be open before the Memorial Day service.

As I close for another year, I want to thank everyone who assists with keeping the Association running smoothly. Hope to see you May 31st.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Spring Meeting, May 12, 2010, 6:00 p.m.

Memorial Day Service, May 31, 2010, 2:00 p.m.

Fall Meeting, September 8, 2010, 6:00 p.m.

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